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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE RE JAPANESE
TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES IN FRENCH EMBASSY
THE HAGUE

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF GOF
COMMUNIQUE ON ABOVE SUBJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 15, WHICH
WAS GIVEN EMBASSY BY FRENCH EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE
AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 15.

2. BEGIN TEST. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF
STATE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD ANOTHER DISCUSSION THIS
MORNING AT THE HOTEL MATIGNON ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE
FRENCH HOSTAGES CRIMINALLY HELD IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY
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IN THE NETHERLANDS.

FOLLOWING A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND DUTCH PRIME MINISTERS THEY HAVE REEXAMINED THE PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE TERRORISTS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT AND UNDER ITS RESPONSIBILITY.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NUMEROUS INACCURACIES DESSIMINATED ABOUT THIS MATTER, NOTABLY AS A RESULT OF THE INDISPENSIBLE DISCRETION WHICH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE VOLUNTARILY OBSERVED, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO SPELL OUT ITS POSITION WHICH HAS NOT VARIED SINCE THE BEGINNING AND WHICH HAS TWO OBJECTIVES:

- A) GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO PROTECTING THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES;
- B) AVOID NEW HOSTAGES BEING SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ORIGINAL HOSTAGES.

GOF'S POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A) FREEING ALL THE HOSTAGES HELD BY THE JAPANESE TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE FOR YUTAKA FURUJA, PRESENTLY HELD BY THE FRENCH POLICE;
- B) THIS EXCHANGE SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON DUTCH TERRITORY AND WITH THE GUARANTEE OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT;
- C) AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS (SIC) AND THE HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN FREED, THE DEPARTURE OF THE JAPANESE TERRORISTS FALLS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES. THE DEPARTURE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ON AN AIRCRAFT OF NO MATTER WHAT NATIONALITY. HOWEVER, IT IS SELF EVIDENT THAT THE CREW CANNOT BE RPT NOT BE FRENCH SINCE THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW FRENCH HOSTAGES BEING TAKEN ON FOREIGN TERRORITY, ADDING TO THOSE HOSTAGES WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN FREED. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE EXCHANGE OF PERSONS WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A THIRD COUNTRY THE GOF WOULD HAVE YUTAKA FURUJA TAKEN THERE.

- D) M. CHIRAC ALSO NOTES THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IS INCUMBENT
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SOLELY ON THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE HAGUE, M. VERGER, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, IS THE ONLY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CONVERSE OFFICIALLY IN THE NETHERLANDS WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT. END TEXT.
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